



IDAHO BIRDING TRAIL

Southeast Region

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50 Gem Lake

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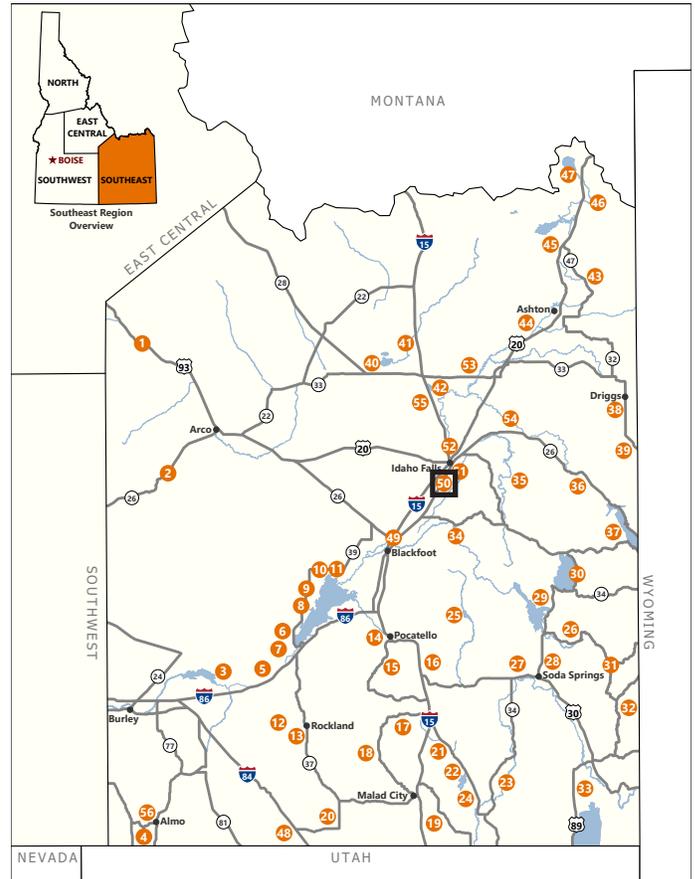


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LAT/LONG: 43.4973904,-112.0441532

DIRECTIONS: Take I-15 Exit #116, E on US 26 for 1.4 mi; R on Yellowstone Hwy/US 91 and go 1 mi; turn R onto W 49th S just past the cemetery; go 0.9 mi and continue into the unpaved parking lot; bear to the L and come to a gated walking path.

The Gem Lake Marina is a boat launch and Snake River access area near Idaho Falls. It has excellent birding year round. The permanent islands in the dammed Snake River provide habitat to migratory shorebirds and the deep water provides habitat for migratory waterfowl. Recently found during migration at Gem Lake were Long-tailed Duck, Surf Scoter, Sanderling, Semipalmated Plover, Grasshopper Sparrow, and Harlequin Duck. These birds are not regularly found at Gem Lake, but the fun thing about this spot is that if you are there during migration, you never know what you will find! Regularly found at Gem Lake in the summer are Bullock's Oriole, Eastern Kingbird, and both Clark's and Western Grebes. Winter residents at Gem Lake include Bald Eagle, various diving ducks, and Trumpeter Swan. Bird activity decreases when Gem Lake freezes but Horned Lark and Gray Partridge can still be found in the dead of winter.



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